

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 997

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A RESOLUTION urging President George W. Bush to appoint a sufficient number of Tennesseans to ensure a majority on the Board of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

WHEREAS, House Resolution 4818 of the 108th Congress, which passed on November 20, 2004, contained provisions that outline a new system of governance for the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA); and

WHEREAS, beginning in fiscal year 2005, a nine-member, part-time Board will be appointed by President Bush, upon the consent of the Senate, and replace the three-member, full-time Board currently in place; and

WHEREAS, TVA, created by the passage of the Tennessee Valley Authority Act on May 18, 1933, operates in and around the Tennessee River Valley and provides a number of services, including flood control, erosion prevention, reforestation, and power production, to millions of people; and

WHEREAS, the TVA provides services to the residents of seven states: Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia. Tennessee is the only state of which the Authority serves the whole, with TVA service in all ninety-five counties and a service area of more than 42,000 square miles; and

WHEREAS, during fiscal year 2003, distributors of TVA power provided electricity to more than 2.4 million households and 417,322 commercial and industrial customers in Tennessee, amounts that outstrip even the combined figures of the other six states; and

WHEREAS, TVA power revenues from the State of Tennessee during that same time totaled more than \$4.3 billion, accounting for approximately 64 percent of all TVA power revenues; and

WHEREAS, within the borders of Tennessee, TVA operates twenty-one hydroelectric dams, seven coal-fired power plants, two nuclear power plants, and four combustion turbine sites to produce more than 19,000 megawatts. Alabama produces the second-greatest amount of power, using three dams, two coal-fired power plants, one nuclear power plant, and one combustion turbine to create 6,721 megawatts; and

WHEREAS, with more than 9,200 TVA employees and 12,700 TVA retirees living within the State, Tennessee has more current and former TVA employees than the six other states combined; and

WHEREAS, TVA is responsible for 232,500 acres and more than 7,500 miles of shoreline within the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned facts highlight both the importance of TVA to Tennessee and the importance of Tennessee to the TVA. Tennessee and its citizenry have been, are, and will continue to be, directly affected by TVA to a degree greater than our neighboring states and, for this reason, Tennesseans should constitute a majority of members on the nine-member Board; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we strongly urge President Bush to appoint Tennesseans from each of the three grand divisions of the State to the Board of the Tennessee Valley Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be delivered to the President of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that enrolled copies of this resolution be sent by the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives to the members of the Tennessee delegation to the Congress of the United States.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to send enrolled copies of this resolution to the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., and the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, Washington, D.C.